

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

To: The Secretary, FCC Commissioners, and Chief, Media Bureau

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, the
Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. The FCC's
stated goals of promoting competition, diversity and localism in today's
media

market are best served by RETAINING all of the
current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the
public interest by limiting the market power of already huge
companies in the broadcast and telecommunications industry.

I have been a professional in the radio industry for 25 years. It's quite
clear to me that the studies commissioned by the FCC seek to hide, rather
than explore, the negative affects of media deregulation and
consolidation. Music on radio is NOT more diverse. The study was
carefully limited to a too-short time frame, and by using song titles
only, hid the extent of airplay domination by major labels and a handful
of artists and musical styles.

of A range of viewpoints is NOT represented in the media most people can
access. Deregulation has led to massive layoffs and with them, great
losses of coverage of local issues, and local decision-making. Media are
less accountable than ever before to the people. And the people, not the
companies, own the airwaves.

In addition, I support the FCC's plan to hold a public hearing on
this matter in Richmond, VA in February 2003. I strongly encourage
the Commission to hold similar hearings in ALL parts of the country
and solicit the widest possible participation from the public. I encourage
the Commissioners to come out and meet, not only the people with financial
interests in this issue, but a social interests.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our
democracy, it is important that the Commission take the time to
review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to
have a meaningful say in the process.

Sincerely,

Karen Peterson